



# Homeless Service Providers Survey

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# Main Points

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- 58% of surveys were returned by participating agencies.
- In Anchorage, the pattern of homeless agencies serving fewer clients in the summer months continues, with the number of homeless reported dropping significantly from the January 26th survey.
- The participation of rural housing authorities had a significant effect on the number of cases reported outside Anchorage. Many of the homeless cases reported were people living in substandard or overcrowded housing, not by choice. AHFC's definition of homelessness includes people living in substandard or overcrowded households.
- The percentage of homeless who reported having a complex problem (substance abuse, disability, or victim of violence) was almost 70%.
- Almost half of the homeless in the survey were male, single, in their 30s.
- Less than 3% of the homeless were aged over 61 years. Areas outside of Anchorage reported that almost 7% of the homeless were over 61.
- The percentage of homeless reporting being a victim of violence continues to rise. In Anchorage, 27% of total cases and in the Rest of State, 31% of cases.
- The most prevalent disability reported was mental illness, 23%
- According to this survey, almost half of the homeless population reports having a substance abuse problem.

# Introduction

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Homeless surveys are a challenge because they attempt to define a segment of the population that is dynamic and not easily identified or understood. There are many factors that generally limit the validity of such studies. Users of homeless surveys need to carefully examine the work done and consider the following limitations of all homeless research:

- 1) **Self-report** – Homeless surveys depend on self-disclosure and assume that people understand what it means to be homeless and furthermore, that people are comfortable in reporting self-characteristics that may be perceived as socially undesirable, such as mental illness or substance abuse.
- 2) **Overestimation** - Homeless surveys can overcount the number of homeless seeking services by not considering or controlling for duplication within and across agencies.
- 3) **Generalizing to the Entire Homeless Population** – Homeless surveys often attempt to make generalizations about the entire population from limited samples of shelters and food kitchens. It is important to note that homeless may also be found in domestic violence shelters, libraries, or other nontraditional locations --- often overlooked by surveying. Additionally, many studies do not consider that at any given time, a core portion of the homeless population may not be receiving services.

These limitations become more pronounced as attempts are made to research the homeless population over a period of time greater than one week. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Interagency Council on the Homeless, “Whether crude or sophisticated, most of the (homeless research) methods currently available do not produce high quality unduplicated estimates for whole communities or states over relatively long periods of time (a month or a year).” Generally, most housing and homelessness agencies rely on “one-day” surveys to determine the needs of homeless seeking services.

The Homeless Service Providers Survey is a “one-day” or “point-in-time estimate” that is completed by service providers semiannually on a predetermined day. The purpose of the survey is to gather descriptive information on the homeless who may receive services from particular homeless agencies at “any given point in time.” Efforts are taken to identify and remove duplicates from the homeless survey. However, like all homeless surveys, this one does have limitations. The results of the survey are not intended to represent the entire homeless population and the reader is cautioned against making such generalizations.

# Summary

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The Summer 2000 Homeless Service Providers' Survey was conducted on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The survey was mailed out to 99 service providers. Responses were received from 57 of these agencies. Participating agencies reported servicing 1,766 homeless individuals, up 10% from the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000 survey. A large number of cases were reported by Rural Housing Authorities (over 700) and contributed to the rise. Many of these cases were households living in substandard or overcrowded households. While these households may not meet HUD's definition of homeless, they qualify for assistance under AHFC's homeless programs.

It is important to point out that there are pronounced differences between urban and rural areas when it comes to homelessness. While urban communities often have shelters, day centers, and food kitchens for the homeless, rural communities often lack these facilities. The absence of these facilities can fuel perceptions that there are no homeless. While the number of homeless in these areas may be lower than in urban areas, their need for assistance is often most critical, meaning the difference between life and death. Faced with this grim reality, the community may call upon the local housing authority to provide an at-risk family with a place to shelter. Often, these living arrangements are with friends or relatives in substandard or overcrowded housing. The consequences of such living arrangements often place significant stress on a community.

While rural areas reported a rise in cases, urban areas reported a drop. The communities of Ketchikan and Fairbanks reported a significant drop in homeless cases. This drop occurred because of marginal participation by agencies. Fewer than half of Fairbanks's homeless agencies returned surveys, while Ketchikan agencies did not report any homeless. Anchorage, which continues to have rates of participation in excess of 60%, reported a 34% drop in homeless cases. Anchorage typically reports more homeless in January than in July. However, the precipitous drop in cases for this survey has been linked, by homeless agencies to an overall decline in homeless cases.

The demographics of the homeless continue to remain the same. Most of the homeless were single, white male adults in their late 30's. Over 41% of the cases reported a substance abuse problem, down an incremental 1% since the January 2000 Homeless Survey. Reports of violence continue to rise in both Anchorage and the Rest of the State. In Anchorage, the percentage rose to 28%. Outside Anchorage, the percentage rose to 31%. Reports of victimization in areas outside of Anchorage are generally higher than in Anchorage because of the higher percentage of participating domestic violence shelters.

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## Agency Duplication Statistics

The homeless cases reported by service providers were analyzed for duplication across agencies. Duplicate cases were identified using social security number, community, initials, age, and gender. This method of matching has an extremely low level of error by chance, about 4 out of 100,000. However, the margin of error for matching duplicates is probably greater than this due to errors in reporting and incomplete information. Several cases were excluded from analysis due to incomplete data.

The result of the analysis found that agencies reported 103 duplicate cases, roughly 6% of all the cases reported. The bulk of duplicates, 98 cases, were reported in Anchorage. Outside of Anchorage, duplicates across agencies were lower at only 5 cases. As in the previous survey, the bulk of duplicates were found across emergency shelters and day centers.

Data from the Summer 2000 survey were compared to the Winter 2000 survey to identify duplicates. Ten percent of the cases reported in the Winter survey were also reported in the prior Summer survey. Most of these cases were for clients in transitional housing programs which allow occupancy up to 24 months. The remaining percentage of cases were for emergency shelter programs.

## Homeless Victims of Violence

The percentage of homeless cases who disclosed being a victim of violence continues to rise, up 4% from the Winter 2000 Homeless Survey to 28%. The largest increase was reported by Anchorage agencies. Over 63% of the homeless victims of violence were homeless females staying at food kitchens and domestic violence shelters. Outside of Anchorage, 83% of the victims of violence were homeless females staying at domestic violence shelters. Of the total number of female homeless reported, 52% reported being a victim of violence in contrast to 16% of the total male homeless. For many homeless women violence leads to homelessness. Over 38% of the homeless females reported in the Summer 2000 survey were residing at domestic violence shelters.

While the homeless population is at much greater risk of violence than the general population, homeless women are at the greatest risk. Data from this survey suggest that homeless women are three-times more likely than homeless males to be victims of violence. The children of homeless women are also at increased risk. Roughly half of the female-headed families reported violence compared to 16% of homeless families headed by males.

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## Alcohol and Drug Abuse

The results of the survey report that 399 homeless clients, or 42%, reported a substance abuse problem. Twenty-eight percent of Anchorage homeless reported a substance abuse problem, while 43% of clients outside of Anchorage reported a substance abuse problem. Although the number of homeless with substance abuse is high compared to other demographics, a large percentage of these clients, at the time of the survey, were in programs that provided drug treatment. Approximately 40% of the clients with drug problems were reported by homeless agencies that offer drug treatment.

Further data on the substance abuse subpopulation indicate that over 70% are males, are twice as likely as the general homeless population to be divorced, and are more likely to be 1-2 years older than the typical homeless person. There is also a higher incidence of mental illness than the general homeless population. Over 29% of the homeless with a substance abuse problem also report mental illness compared to 22% without a substance abuse problem. For many of these homeless, substance use may be a consequence of homeless, and/or mental illness. For others, it may be the factor which precipitates homelessness.

## Disability Demographics

Service providers reported that 23% of their homeless clients had a mental disability; 18% a physical disability and 8% a developmental disability. The total percentage of homeless clients who had a disability was 38%. Approximately 10% of the cases who reported had more than one disability. Homeless with physical disabilities and mental illness were the most prevalent, representing close to 23% of all homeless with multiple disabilities.

## Ethnicity, Gender and Age

Because of the large number of cases reported by rural housing authorities, the possibility exists that the data will bias the demographic profile of homeless reported by homeless agencies. Therefore, this analysis excludes data provided by the housing authorities. The bulk of homeless cases reported by homeless service providers were White (38%) and Alaska Native (38%). Other races represented less than 13% of total cases. A small portion of homeless did not report ethnicity, 11%. When examined with gender, Alaska Native males represent the largest portion of male and female homeless, 24%, followed by White males at 22%. White females represent 15% of the total homeless, followed by Alaska Native females at 13%. White males and females represent the bulk of homeless under the age of 40, 24%. Alaska Native homeless represent the largest percentage over the age of 40, 18% of the total homeless reported.

# Ethnicity of Homeless Reported By Homeless Agencies

AHFC Homeless Service Providers Survey

July 2000

Table 1

	Ethnicity							
	African American	Alaska Native	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other Race	Unknown	White
Percent	7%	38%	1%	1%	3%	2%	10%	38%
								100%

# Ethnicity of Homeless By Gender Reported By Homeless Agencies

AHFC Service Providers Survey

July 2000

Table 2

Gender	Ethnicity							
	African American	Alaska Native	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other Race	Unknown	White
Male	4%	24%	1%	1%	2%	1%	8%	22%
Female	3%	13%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	15%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	7%	38%	1%	1%	3%	2%	10%	38%
								100%

# Ethnicity of Homeless by Age Reported By Homeless Agencies

AHFC Service Providers Survey

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Table 3

Age Group	Ethnicity							
	African American	Alaska Native	American Indian	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other Race	Unknown	White
18-30	1.9%	7.8%	0.1%	0.4%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	11.0%
31-40	2.7%	10.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.9%	0.6%	0.3%	13.0%
41-50	2.5%	14.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	12.4%
51-60	0.6%	4.7%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	3.8%
61-70	0.5%	2.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	1.5%
71-80	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
81-90	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	8%	41%	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%	42%
								100%

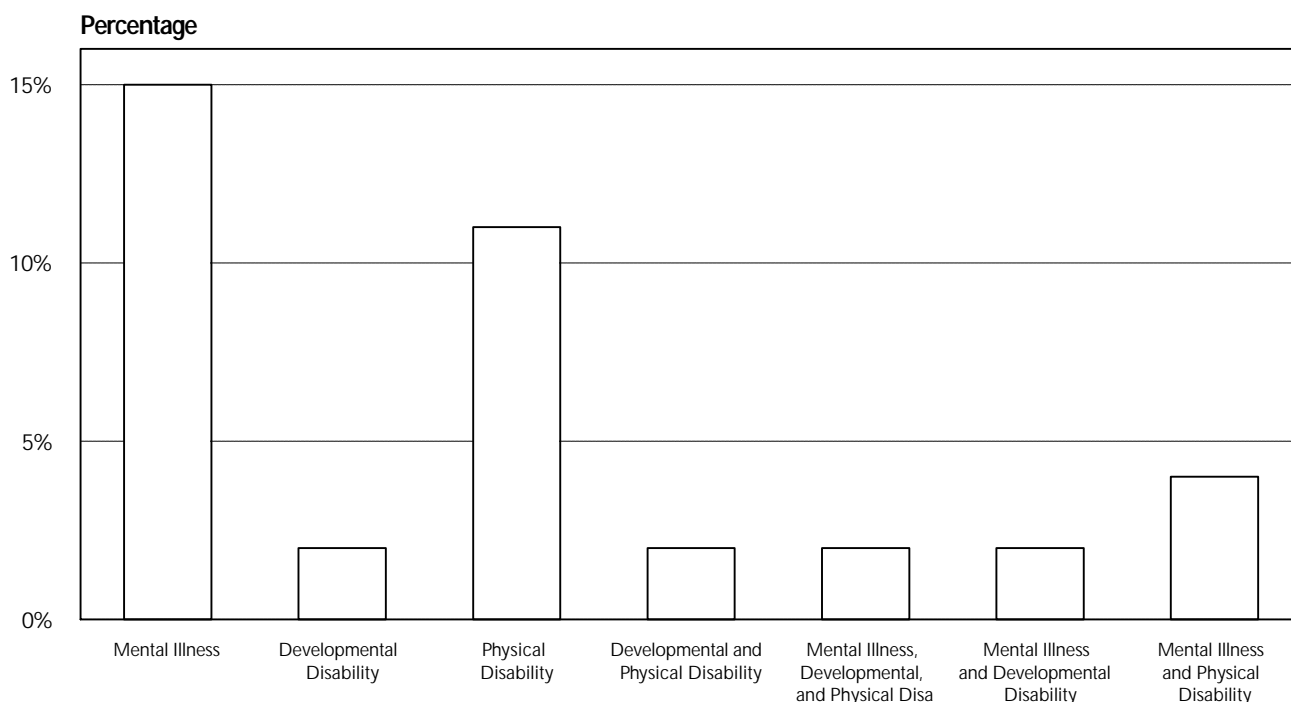
**Note:** Close to 15% of cases did not report age. Does not include data provided by housing authorities.

# Homeless With Disabilities

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Figure 1



### Homeless Data Available on AHFC's Web Page

Reports on AHFC's Homeless Service Provider's Survey are available at AHFC's web page - [www.ahfc.state.ak.us](http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us). Data on surveys dating back to July 1994 can be obtained by selecting the "Download" option from the opening page on AHFC's web site. Survey results are also available through email. If you wish to receive future homeless survey results through e-mail please contact:

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1	Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Surveys Sent	99	100.00%	27	27.27%	72	72.73%
	Surveys Returned	57	57.58%	18	66.67%	39	54.17%
	<b>Surveys Returned By Facility Type</b>						
	Shelter Agencies	25	25.25%	8	29.63%	17	23.61%
	Transitional Housing Agencies	8	8.08%	4	14.81%	4	5.56%
	Permanent Supported Housing Agencies	4	4.04%	2	7.41%	2	2.78%
	Other Agencies	20	20.20%	4	14.81%	16	22.22%

2	Homeless Count	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Cases Reported By All Agencies	1,766	100.00%	742	42.02%	1,024	57.98%
	Cases Reported By Housing Authorities <sup>1</sup>	708	40.09%	0	0.00%	708	69.14%
	Cases Reported By Homeless Agencies <sup>2</sup>	867	49.09%	579	78.03%	288	28.13%
	Cases Reported for Children With Families	44	2.49%	22	2.96%	22	2.15%
	Cases Reported That Don't Meet Homeless Definition <sup>3</sup>	45	2.55%	43	5.80%	2	0.20%
	Cases Reported Duplicated Across Agencies	102	5.78%	98	13.21%	4	0.39%
	Change in Cases From Total Reported Last Survey	150	10.91%	-309	-34.18%	459	97.45%
	Total Unduplicated Cases	1,623		625		998	
	Total Living With Another Household	993	61.18%	226	36.16%	767	76.85%
	Total That Did Not Provide SSN	209	12.88%	80	12.80%	129	12.93%
	Total That Did Not Provide Name	57	3.51%	17	2.72%	40	4.01%
	Total That Did Not Provide Name And SSN	57	3.51%	17	2.72%	40	4.01%
	Total Families	249	15.34%	107	17.12%	142	14.23%

3	Gender and Age Statistics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Male	1026	63.22%	423	67.68%	603	60.42%
	Total Female	595	36.66%	202	32.27%	393	39.38%
	Total Male Under 18 Years	23	1.42%	23	3.68%	0	0.00%
	Total Female Under 18 Years	18	1.11%	17	2.72%	1	0.10%
	Average Homeless Age	35.3		39.9		32.1	
	Total Homeless 62 years or older	47	2.90%	17	2.72%	30	6.54%

4	Marital & Veteran Status	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Divorced	146	9.00%	108	9.00%	38	9.00%
	Total Homeless Married	91	5.61%	43	5.61%	48	5.61%
	Total Homeless Single	704	43.38%	330	43.38%	374	43.38%
	Total Homeless Separated	57	3.51%	37	3.51%	20	3.51%
	Total Homeless Undisclosed Marital Status	611	37.65%	94	37.65%	517	37.65%
	Total Homeless Window/Widower	14	0.86%	13	0.86%	1	0.86%
	Total Homeless Veteran	156	9.61%	112	9.61%	44	9.61%

5	Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	<b>With Housing Authorities</b>						
	Total Homeless Asian/P. Islander	11	0.68%	4	0.64%	7	0.70%
	Total Homeless Alaska Native	1046	64.45%	238	38.08%	808	80.96%
	Total Homeless African-American	69	4.25%	59	9.44%	10	1.00%
	Total Homeless Hispanic	24	1.48%	16	2.56%	8	0.80%
	Total Homeless American Indian	13	0.80%	8	1.28%	5	0.50%
	Total Homeless Other/Mixed Race, Ethnic Origin	22	1.36%	16	2.56%	6	0.60%
	Total Homeless Did Not Disclose Race	91	5.61%	82	13.12%	9	0.90%
	Total Homeless White	347	21.38%	202	32.32%	145	14.53%
	<b>Excluding Housing Authorities</b>						
	Total Homeless Asian/P. Islander	11	1.19%	4	0.64%	7	2.35%
	Total Homeless Alaska Native	347	37.55%	238	38.02%	109	36.58%
	Total Homeless African-American	69	7.47%	59	9.42%	10	3.36%
	Total Homeless Hispanic	24	2.60%	16	2.56%	8	2.68%
	Total Homeless American Indian	13	1.41%	8	1.28%	5	1.68%
	Total Homeless Other/Mixed Race, Ethnic Origin	22	2.38%	16	2.56%	6	2.01%
	Total Homeless Did Not Disclose Race	91	9.85%	83	13.26%	8	2.68%
	Total Homeless White	347	37.55%	202	32.27%	145	48.66%

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6	Disability Characteristics <sup>4</sup>	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	212	22.27%	140	22.26%	72	22.29%
	Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	399	41.87%	261	41.43%	138	42.72%
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	272	28.57%	172	27.34%	100	30.96%
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	76	7.97%	50	7.94%	26	8.05%
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	170	17.97%	102	16.45%	68	20.86%
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability	349	37.77%	226	35.37%	123	43.16%
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	179	19.37%	117	18.31%	62	21.75%

7	Community of Origin Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	<b>Including Housing Authorities</b>						
	Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	585	33.13%	444	59.84%	141	13.77%
	Outside Alaska	41	2.32%	15	2.02%	26	2.54%
	Rural Community	877	49.66%	50	6.74%	827	80.76%
	Did Not Disclose/Unknown	120	6.80%	116	15.63%	4	0.39%
	<b>Excluding Housing Authorities</b>						
	Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	585	63.93%	444	71.04%	141	48.62%
	Outside Alaska	41	4.48%	15	2.40%	26	8.97%
	Rural Community	169	18.47%	50	8.00%	119	41.03%
	Did Not Disclose/Unknown	120	13.11%	116	18.56%	4	1.38%

8	Duplicate Cases Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Duplicate Cases	103	6.35%	98	15.68%	5	0.50%
	Duplicates from Last Survey	167	10.29%	129	20.64%	38	3.81%
	Total Unique Clients Duplicated	50	3.08%	47	7.52%	3	0.30%
	Average Number of Duplicate Cases Per Unique Client	2		3		13	

9	Children With Homeless Families Cases	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Cases	44	100.00%	22	50.00%	22	50.00%
	Total Male	20	45.45%	8	36.36%	12	54.55%
	Total Female	24	54.55%	14	63.64%	10	45.45%
	Average Age	13		6		7	
	Average Family Size	7		4		3	
	Number With Families Who Are Doubled Up	4	0%	3	0%	1	0.3%

10	Children With Homeless Families Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Hispanic (all races)	3	6.82%	0	0.00%	3	1.01%
	Total White	12	27.27%	5	22.73%	7	2.35%
	Total African American	2	4.55%	2	9.09%	0	0.00%
	Total Am. Indian/Ak. Native	22	50.00%	13	59.09%	9	3.02%
	Total Asian/P. Islander	3	6.82%	0	0.00%	3	2.35%
	Total Other race/ethnic origin	2	4.55%	2	9.09%	0	0.00%

11	Children With Homeless Families Other Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Mentally Ill	4	9.09%	4	18.18%	0	0.00%
	Total Victims of Domestic Violence	20	45.45%	3	13.64%	17	77.27%
	Total Developmentally Disabled	5	11.36%	4	18.18%	1	4.55%

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12	Homeless Reported By Community <sup>5</sup>	Winter 1998	Summer 1998	Winter 1999	Summer 1999	Winter 2000	Winter 2000
	Anchorage	713	680	931	797	904	625
	Barrow	4	0	4	0	0	0
	Bethel <sup>6</sup>	4	5	2	4	1	700
	Cordova	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Dillingham	1	2	97	3	2	13
	Emmonak	0	0	0	0	8	0
	Fairbanks	89	34	153	58	175	29
	Haines	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Homer	5	16	6	10	0	6
	Hoonah	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Juneau	104	137	68	91	129	127
	Kake	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ketchikan	32	28	1	23	24	0
	Kenai	7	38	36	13	28	23
	Kodiak	0	12	23	21	30	22
	Nome	20	6	6	6	6	4
	Palmer	5	16	12	22	17	15
	Petersburg	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Seward	7	3	10	15	9	0
	Sitka	2	3	4	4	4	19
	Skagway	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Soldotna	21	0	0	13	0	0
	Talkeetna		2	0	0	0	0
	Unalaska	0	0	1	0	2	0
	Valdez	1	2	0	1	0	0
	Wasilla	22	32	21	21	35	40
	Wrangell	0	2	6	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>1623</b>

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13	Homeless Reported By Agency (Includes estimates provided by agencies)			Cases Reported
	#	Community	Participating Agency	
	1	Anchorage	Alaska Baptist Family Services	12
	2	Anchorage	Alaska Youth and Parents Foundation	18
	3	Anchorage	Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association	8
	4	Anchorage	Anchorage Center for Families	10
	5	Anchorage	AWAIC	4
	6	Anchorage	Beans Café	189
	7	Anchorage	Beyond Shelter Program	51
	8	Anchorage	Brother Francis Shelter	141
	9	Anchorage	Clare House	9
	10	Anchorage	Covenant House Alaska	8
	11	Anchorage	Homeward Bound	22
	12	Anchorage	Lutheran Social Services of Alaska	4
	13	Anchorage	Municipality of Anchorage Safe Cities Program	27
	14	Anchorage	Southcentral Counseling Center	26
	15	Anchorage	The Arc of Anchorage	3
	16	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - Clithroe Center	29
	17	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - McKinnell Shelter	18
	18	Anchorage	Veterans Administration	23
	19	Bethel	Association of Village Council Presidents <sup>6</sup>	1960
	20	Dillingham	City of Dillingham Senior Center	11
	21	Dillingham	Safe and Fear Free Environment	2
	22	Emmonak	Emmonak Womens Shelter	0
	23	Fairbanks	Alaska Legal Services Corporation	4
	24	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Rescue Mission	16
	25	Fairbanks	Interior AIDS Association	1
	26	Fairbanks	The Salvation Army - Fairbanks	0
	27	Fairbanks	WICCA	8
	28	Haines	The Salvation Army - Haines	0
	29	Homer	Homer Community Food Pantry	6
	30	Homer	Share the Spirit	0
	31	Homer	South Peninsula Womens Services	0
	32	Juneau	AWARE	8
	33	Juneau	Bartlett Memorial Hospital	2
	34	Juneau	Gastineau Human Services	37
	35	Juneau	St Vincent Depaul	25
	36	Juneau	The Glory Hole	59
	37	Juneau	The Salvation Army - Juneau	0
	38	Kenai	Love Inc.	5
	39	Kenai	The Salvation Army - Kenai	3
	40	Kenai	Women's Resource and Crisis Center	11
	41	Kodiak	Brother Francis Shelter - Kodiak	20
	42	Kodiak	Providence Kodiak Island Mental Health Center	2
	43	Kotzebue	Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority	0
	44	Nome	Bering Sea Women Group	4
	45	Nome	Nome Rescue Mission	0
	46	Palmer	Palmer Senior Citizens Center	4
	47	Palmer	Valley Women's Resource Center	5
	48	Seward	Seaview Community Services	0
	49	Sitka	Baranoff Island Housing Authority	8
	50	Sitka	Sitka Prevention and Treatment Services	6
	51	Sitka	Sitkans Against Family Violence	6
	52	Unalaska	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	0
	53	Valdez	Advocates for Victims of Violence	0
	54	Wasilla	Kids Are People Too	1
	55	Wasilla	Life Quest Mental Health Center	9
	56	Wasilla	MatSu Recovery Center	4
	57	Wasilla	Nugents Ranch	15

**IMPORTANT:** The figures do not represent the total homeless population of the State of Alaska.

The survey is a one-day count of the homeless served by participating agencies

Unless otherwise indicated, all homeless client demographics are calculated from unduplicated cases.

## Notes:

- Housing authorities report households on their wait list or those living in substandard or overcrowded households.
- Homeless agencies are those that provide transitional housing, day shelter, emergency shelter, or food assistance. These agencies are more likely to help homeless people that are not in substandard or overcrowded households.
- These are cases where cases were reported for people that are in correctional facilities 30 days prior to and during the administration date of the survey. These cases do not meet this surveys definition of homelessness. Cases collected greater than 5 days after the survey date are excluded because of increased threat to validity and reliability.
- Unknown values are not used in calculating the percentages of these categories.
- Unduplicated Cases Reported By Community
- AVCP provided data on 700 persons in substandard/overcrowded households. AVCP also reported that 70-80% of the wait-list might meet homeless definition, around 1,269 cases. Only cases for which data were provided are reported here.

## TRENDS - (This survey is not a census of Alaska's homeless population)

14	Survey Participation	State of Alaska										Anchorage										Rest of State									
		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
	Percentage Of Surveys Received	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	68	79	58	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	67	86	67	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	67	69	54
	Percentage Change In Unduplicated Homeless Reported	13	4	-3	17	-14	-2	36	-20	25	11	30	11	-7	27	-9	-5	37	-14	13	-34	-4	-6	5	4	-25	3	33	-32	54	97
	Percentage Of Duplicate Cases									20	14	6							25	19	16								6	4	1
	Percentage of Cases Duplicated With Last Survey									15	8	11							18	10	21								6	3	4

15	Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska										Anchorage										Rest of State									
		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
	Percentage Male	65	59	65	59	58	54	51	55	60	63	65	70	70	63	61	55	59	52	66	68	60	50	57	53	49	55	52	62	54	61
	Percentage Female	35	41	35	39	31	37	32	32	40	37	35	30	30	35	26	41	30	30	33	32	40	50	43	45	48	41	46	38	46	39
	Percentage Male under 18 years	9	13	10	10	3	3	3	4	7	2	11	9	9	9	1	3	4	4	9	4	11	16	12	10	7	3	2	2	3	0
	Percentage Female under 18 years	8	12	8	8	2	4	3	3	6	1	8	6	6	5	3	3	3	3	8	3	11	17	11	12	2	3	2	2	3	0
	Percentage 62 years or older	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	7
	Average Age	33	32	34	33	39	37	37	38	36	35	34	36	36	35	38	37	38	39	35	40	28	25	25	29	37	37	36	37	37	30

16	Disability Features	State of Alaska										Anchorage										Rest of State									
		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		1996		1997		1998		1999		2000	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	14	22	14	24	22	15	19	21	23	22	11	20	11	29	20	13	21	20	22	22	18	24	18	15	25	20	14	22	25	22
	Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	36	40	32	33	42	40	36	43	44	42	41	47	38	38	44	39	41	43	41	42	29	29	24	26	37	41	28	43	49	43
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	32	32	23	26	20	21	18	24	24	29	30	29	19	23	18	19	18	22	20	28	34	37	29	29	23	23	19	29	33	31
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	7	6	8	8	7	5	8	8	11	8	8	6	6	9	7	7	8	7	11	8	6	6	10	7	8	2	8	11	10	8
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	14	11	13	10	15	16	17	18	21	18	20	14	13	13	15	20	19	17	21	16	7	5	12	6	13	10	14	19	20	21
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability	29	31	27	32	34	27	33	31	39	38	30	32	25	40	32	28	36	30	39	36	27	30	31	21	38	26	28	34	39	43
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	13	17	12	16	14	16	16	16	22	19	16	20	13	20	17	15	20	16	22	19	10	13	11	10	6	17	11	15	21	22

17	Community of Residence Last Six Months	State of Alaska										Anchorage										Rest of State																													
		1996					1997					1998					1999					2000					1996					1997					1998					1999					2000				
		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul		Jan		Jul			
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul						
	Percentage - Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau					28	59	63	63	66	33							29	69	75	73	71	70							26	36	42	34	59	13																
	Percentage - Anywhere but Anchorage, Fbks, & Juneau					26	19	20	17	14	50							24	11	5	3	5	8							31	35	48	50	30	81																
	Percentage - Out of State					27	8	7	5	4	2							27	7	8	4	2	2							27	10	4	7	7	3																

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